

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

51. (currently amended) A method for delivering a treatment, comprising:

a patient wearing a first device;

bringing a second device in contact with the patient, said second device to selectively apply a proposed treatment to the patient;

said first device transmitting to said second device a patient identifier via an electrical current signal transmitted via the patient's body, said patient identifier including information for identifying the patient;

said second device using said transmitted patient identifier to confirm that said proposed treatment is intended for the patient; and

said second device applying said proposed treatment to the patient after confirming that said proposed treatment is intended for the patient.

52. (currently amended) A method for delivering a treatment, comprising:

a patient wearing a first device and a third device;

said first device transmitting to said third device a patient identifier via an electrical current signal transmitted via the patient's body, said patient identifier including information for identifying the patient;

bringing a second device in contact with the patient, said second device to selectively apply a proposed treatment to the patient;

said second device transmitting to said third device a message indicative of said proposed treatment, said message transmitted to said third device from said second device via an electrical current signal transmitted via the patient's body;

said third device using said transmitted patient identifier and said transmitted message to confirm that said proposed treatment is intended for the patient;

said third device transmitting a return message to said second device; and

said second device responding to said return message by applying said proposed treatment to the patient.

53. (currently amended) An apparatus for delivering a treatment, comprising:

a first device worn by a patient; and

a second device in contact with the patient, said second device to selectively apply a proposed treatment to the patient;

said first device operative to transmit to said second device a patient identifier via an electrical current signal transmitted via the patient's body, said patient identifier including information for identifying the patient;

said second device operative to:

use said transmitted patient identifier to confirm that said proposed treatment is intended for the patient; and

apply said proposed treatment to the patient after confirming that said proposed treatment is intended for the patient.

54. (currently amended) An apparatus for delivering a treatment, comprising:

a first device worn by a patient;

a second device in contact with the patient, said second device to selectively apply a proposed treatment to the patient;

a third device worn by the patient;

said first device operative to transmit to said third device a patient identifier via an electrical current signal transmitted via the patient's body, said patient identifier including information for identifying the patient;

said second device operative to transmit to said third device a message indicative of said proposed treatment, said second device operative to transmit said message to said third device via an electrical current signal transmitted via the patient's body;

said third device operative to:

use said transmitted patient identifier and said transmitted message to confirm that said proposed treatment is intended for the patient; and

transmit a return message to said second device;

said second device operative to respond to said return message by applying said proposed treatment to the patient.

55. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein said first device is not implanted in the patient.

56. (new) The method of claim 55, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

57. (new) The method of claim 51, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

58. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein said first device is not implanted in the patient.

59. (new) The method of claim 58, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

60. (new) The method of claim 59, wherein said third device is not implanted in the patient.

61. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

62. (new) The method of claim 61, wherein said third device is not implanted in the patient.

63. (new) The method of claim 52, wherein said third device is not implanted in the patient.

64. (new) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said first device is not implanted in the patient.

65. (new) The apparatus of claim 64, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

66. (new) The apparatus of claim 53, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

67. (new) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein said first device is not implanted in the patient.

68. (new) The apparatus of claim 67, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

69. (new) The apparatus of claim 68, wherein said third device is not implanted in the patient.

70. (new) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein said second device is not implanted in the patient.

71. (new) The apparatus of claim 70, wherein said third device is not implanted in the patient.

72. (new) The apparatus of claim 54, wherein said third device is not implanted in the patient.